Free Library at Trivandrum.

165. *MR. M. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether there was any free library in the Capital of this State ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government have no information.

Enquiry into local needs by Dewan Peishkars.

166. *MR. M. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the several Dewan Peishkars and the Commissioner, Devicolam, have arranged any conference or consultation with prominent citizens in their jurisdictions on public matters since the issue of the Government Notification this year urging them to such activities ;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government have received any recommendation or report as an outcome of any such conference or consultation ;

(*c*) whether any of the officials above mentioned has failed to publish circuit programme in the various taluks they visited and to invite people to confer with them ; and

(*d*) if so, what action the Government were taking to bring them to book ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Incom Tax Commissioner*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) In view of the above answer, this does not arise.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether it is obligatory on the part of Dewan Peishkars to report to Government about conferences and consultations held by them with prominent citizens in their jurisdictions ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : Their tour diaries will contain notes of such conferences and consultations.

Selection of Vernacular Text-Books.

167. *MR. M. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : In regard to the Text-Books prescribed for use in schools during 1934-35, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Instruction has selected the Vernacular books himself ; and

(*b*) if not, to whom he has entrusted the duty of selecting these books ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : (*a*) and (*b*) The Vernacular books were considered by the Director of Public Instruction personally in consultation with competent scholars within the Education Department.

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